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SUBJ: KOSYGIN RECEIVES PDRY PRIME MINISTER

1. KOSYGIN ON SEPTEMBER 30 RECEIVED PDRY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE ALI NASSER MUHAMMED, WHO HAS BEEN IN THE SOVIET UNION SINCE SEPTEMBER 13 " ON VACATION." THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MEETING, FRONT-PAGED ON PRAVDA ON OCTOBER 1, GIVES NO EXPLICIT EVIDENCE OF SOVIET -PDRY DISCORD. IN GENERAL, THE ANNOUNCMENT IS QUITE SIMILAR IN TONE TO THE COMMUNIQUE RESULTING FORM THE VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION OF PEOPLE'S FRONT LEADER ISMAIL IN JULY.

2. THE ANNOUNCEMENT STATES THAT DURING THE MEETING "FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSE COOPERATION" BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE PDRY WAS DISCUSSED "ON THE BASIS OF COMMON
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POSITIONS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS

AND AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND REACTION." SUCH A FORMULATION
COULD ALLOW FOR DISCUSSIONS ON THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET
FORCES ON PDRY TERRITORY. ALSO, WHILE IN THE ISMAIL
COMMUNIQUE OF JULY ONLY ISMAIL IS SAID TO HAVE "DESCRIBED
THE SITUATION ON THE SOUTHERN END OF THE ARABIAN PENINSULA,"
IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS MEETING KOSYGIN AND MUHAMMED
ARE DESCRIBED AS HAVING "EXCHANGED OPINIONS" ON THAT
AREA.

3. THE ANNOUNCEMENT NOTES THAT KOSYGIN ASSURED
MUHAMMED THAT THE PDRY CAN COUNT ON "UNCHANGED" SUPPORT
FROM THE SOVIET UNION IN ITS EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT
SOCIAL ECONOMIC REFORM AND "TO NORMALIZE THE SITUATION"
IN THE SOUTHERN ARABIAN PENINSULA. WHILE THE PRESENT
FORMULATION COULD ALLOW FOR A CONTINUATION OF MILITARY
AID, WE NOTE THAT THE EARLIER ISMAIL COMMUNIQUE SPECI-
FICALLY MENTIONED SUCH AID.
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